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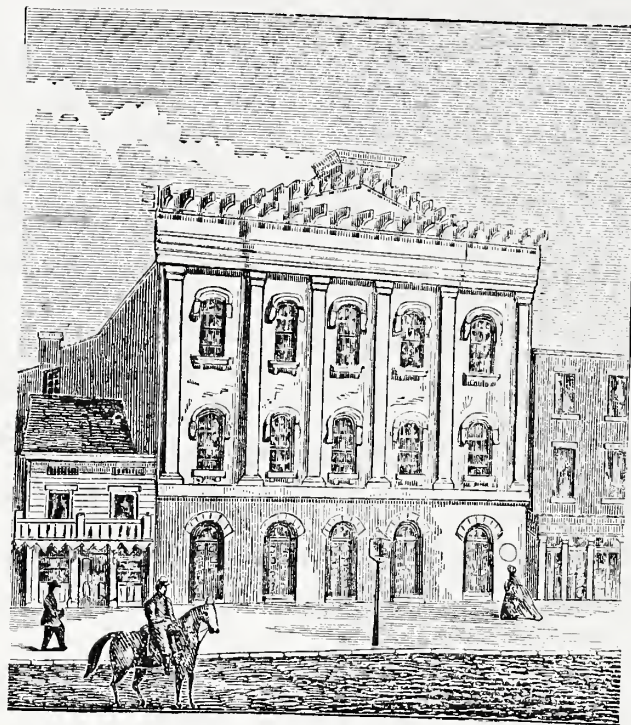


# The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

## Photographs and Illustrations of Ford's Theatre

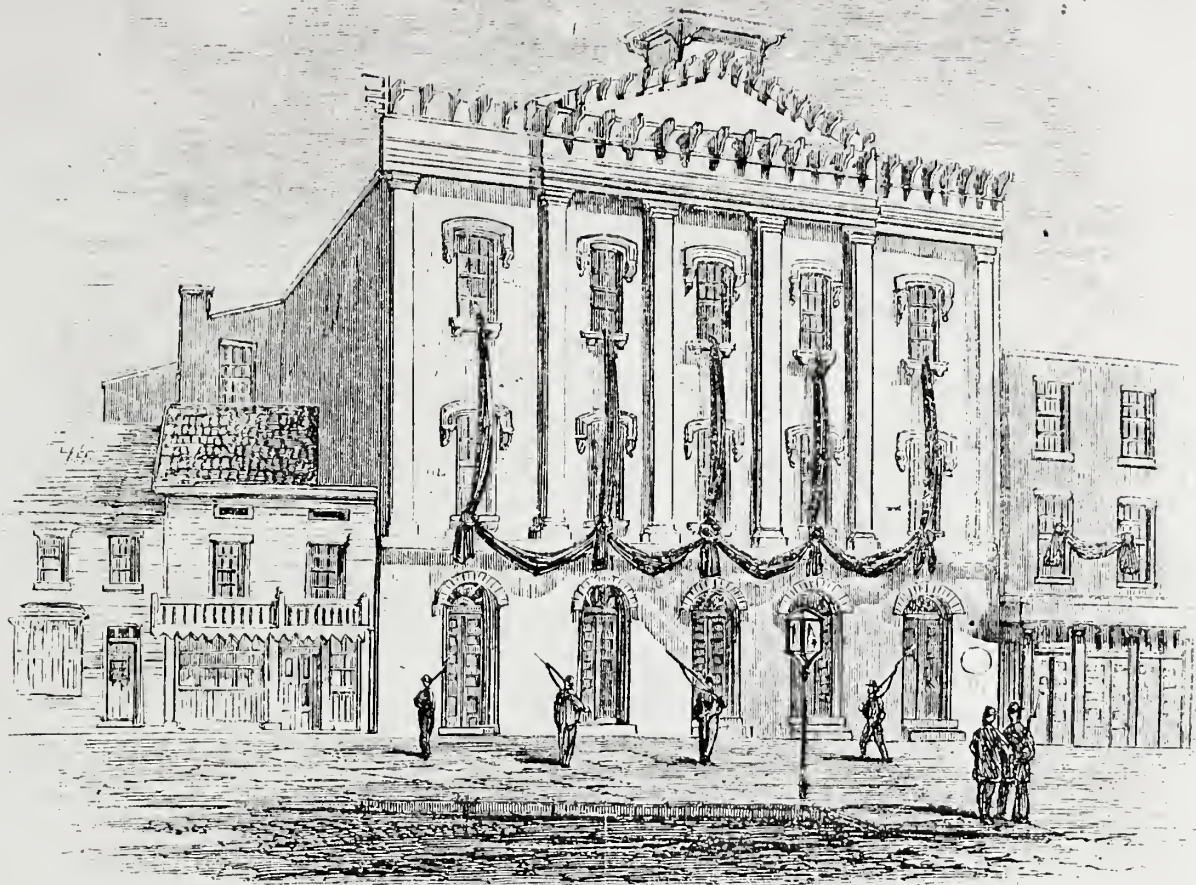
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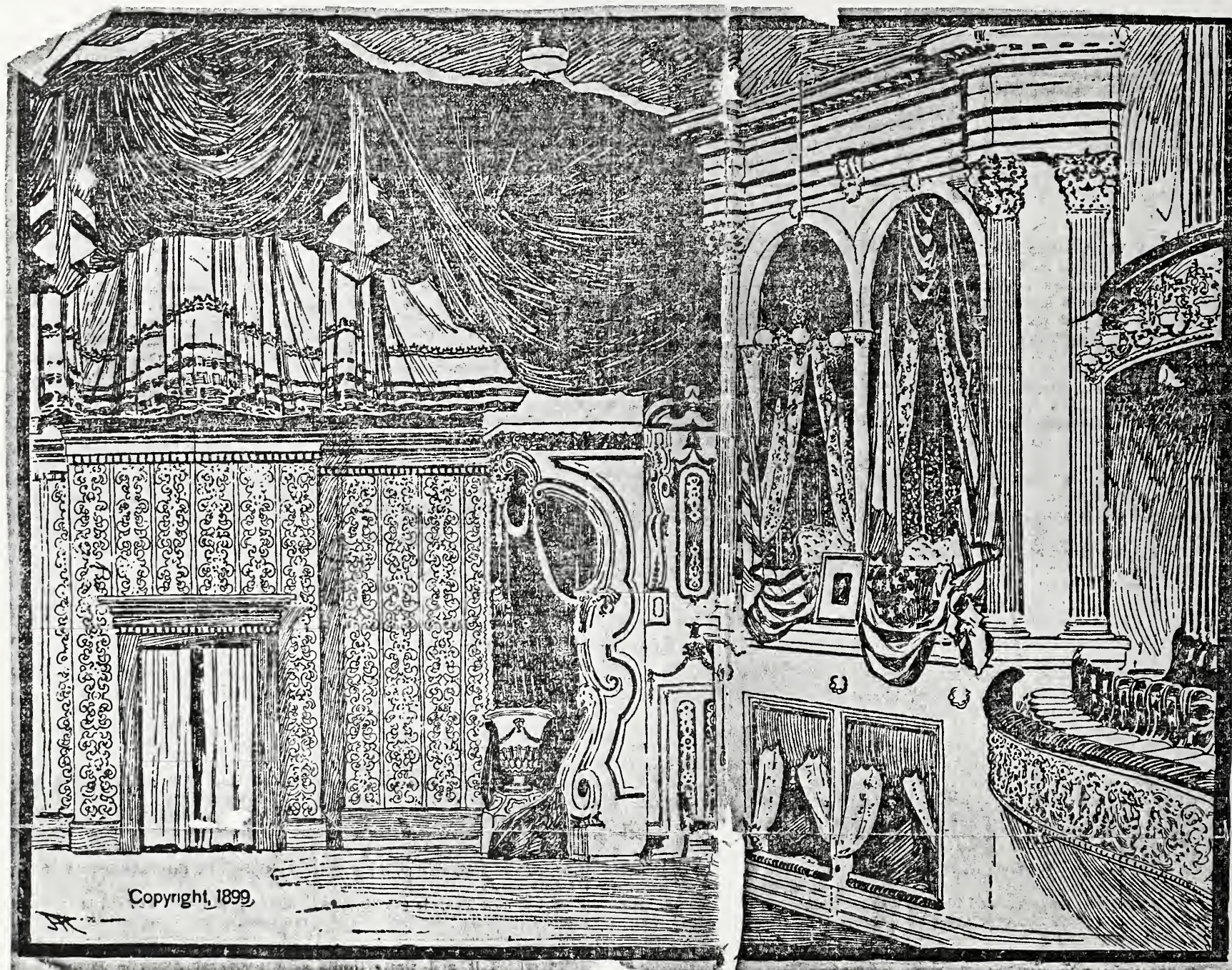


APPEARANCE OF FORD'S THEATRE, WASHINGTON, D. C., AFTER THE MURDER.—FROM A SKETCH BY A. BERGHAUS.



Ford's Theater

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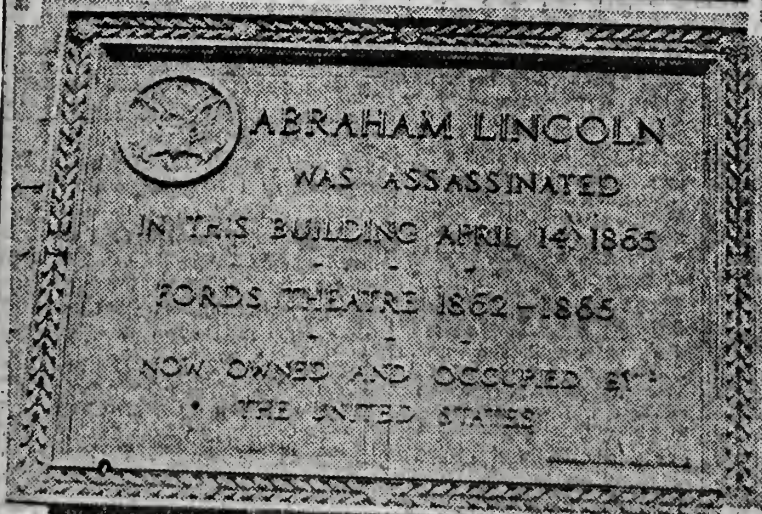


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INTERIOR OF FORD'S THEATER, WASHINGTON, SHOWING PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S PRIVATE BOX AS IT WAS AT THE TIME OF HIS ASSASSINATION.—From a Photograph.



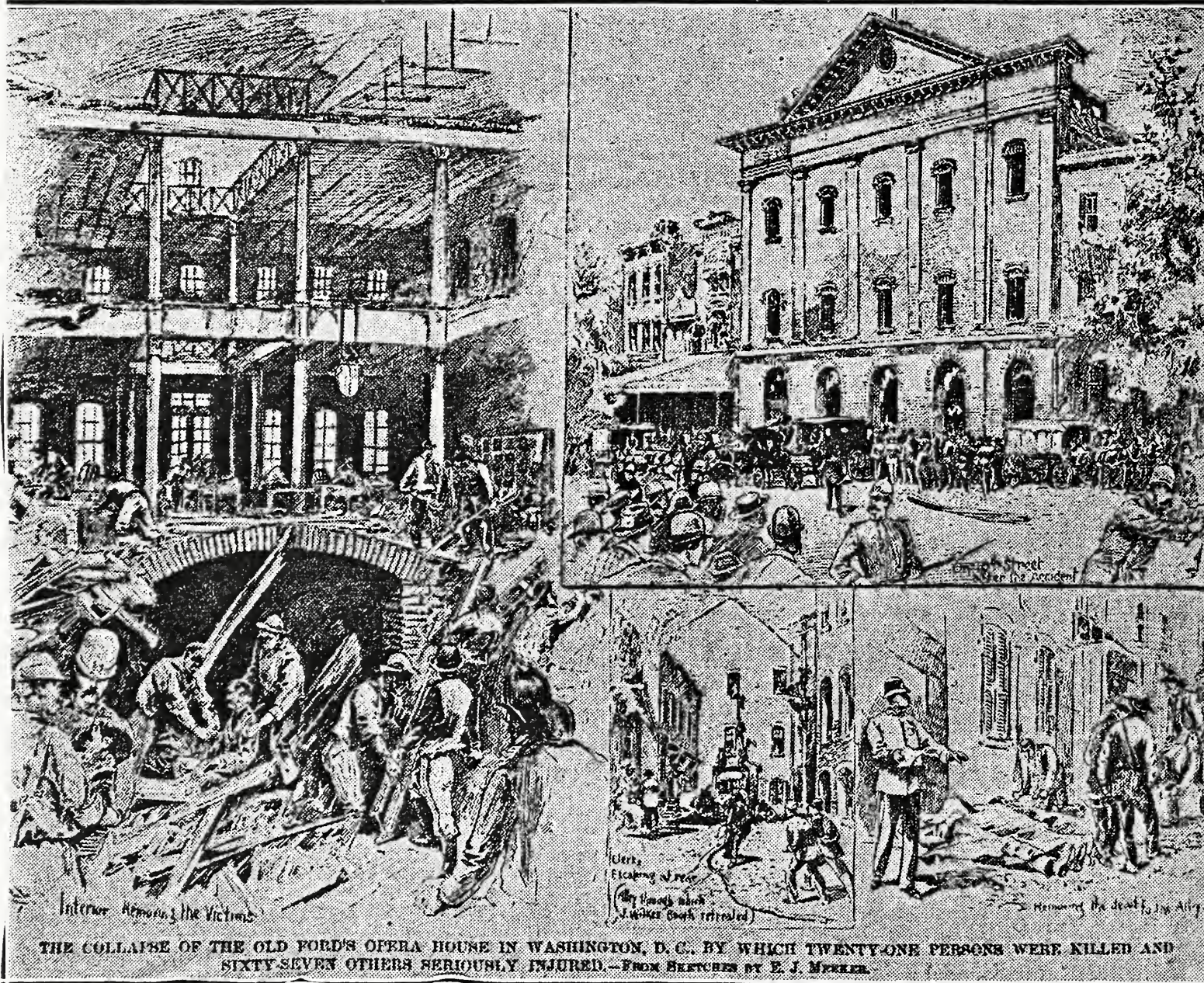
**REPRESENTATIVE HENRY R. RATH-**  
**BONE**, of Illinois, speaking at the un-  
 veiling of tablets marking the site of the  
 assassination and death of Abraham Lincoln,  
 fifty-nine years ago yesterday.



*C. Herald*  
 APR 30 1924  
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*Frank Leslie's Illustrated Edition Post Dec 8 - 1927*

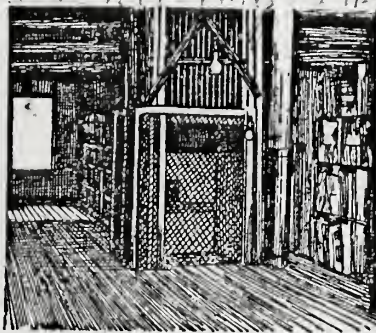


Left—Rescue workers removing the dead and injured from old Ford's theater following the collapse June 9, 1893. Upper right—Police holding back the crowds from the front of the building, while the rescue work went on. Lower center—Clerks climbing out of the building from the rear. Lower right—Removing the bodies to the rear alley.

From Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper



### Tragic Spot Hidden



Files hide the spot where Abraham Lincoln was fatally shot at Ford's theater on April 14, 1865. The old playhouse is now used as a government storeroom. The boxes and stage have long since disappeared.

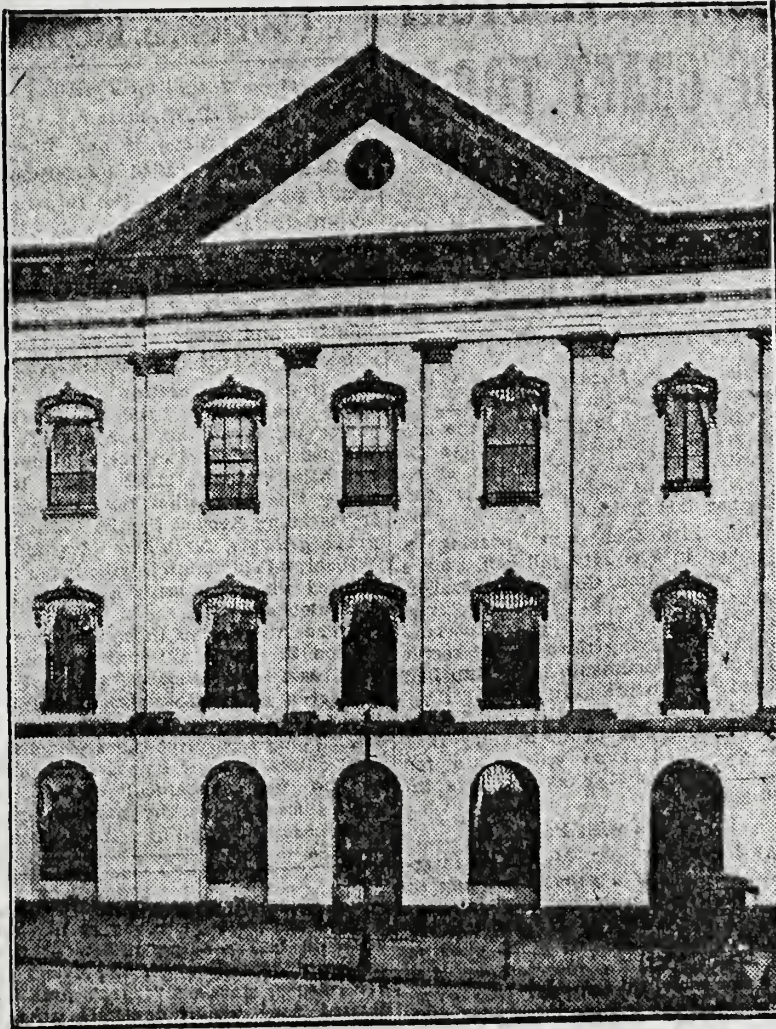




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3. The Ford Theater, in Washington, D. C., the scene of Lincoln's assassination, is now used as a Lincoln museum and contains many interesting objects



*March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1931*  
**Historic Theater to Be Museum**

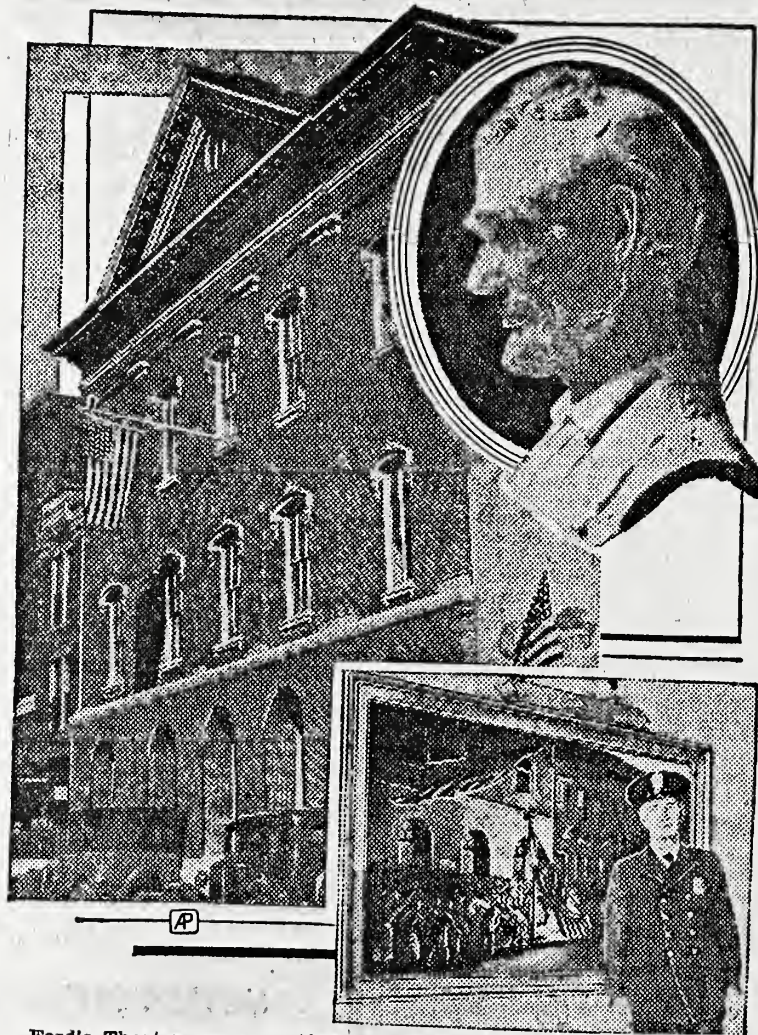


*Ford theater in Washington, in which Abraham Lincoln was stabbed and shot by Booth, to be rehabilitated and used as a national museum.*



*Cleveland Plain Dealer*

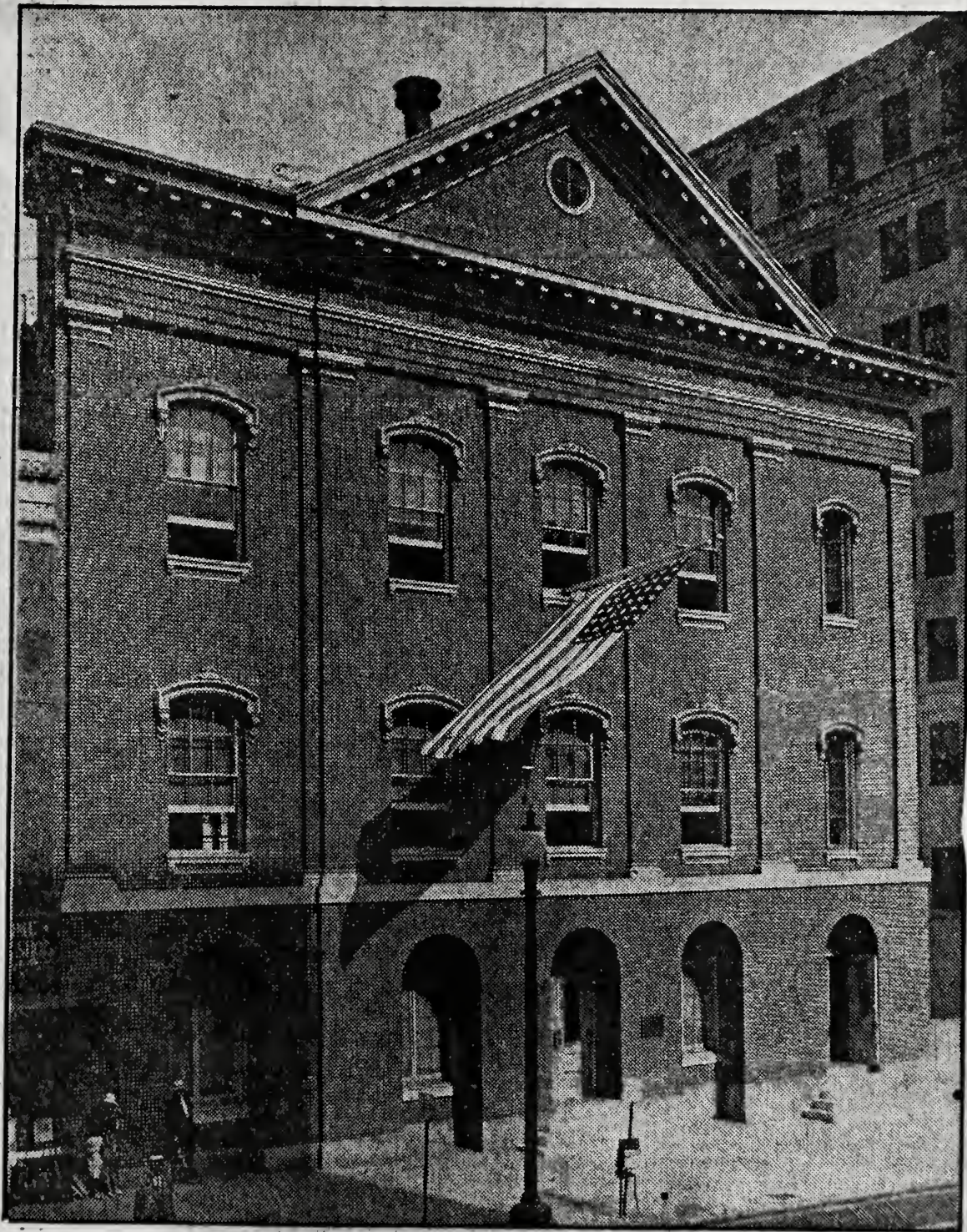
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**Scene of Lincoln Assassination  
Will Be Opened as Museum**



Ford's Theater, scene of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, will be opened on his birthday, Feb. 12, as a museum containing relics pertaining to the martyred president. One of these is a painting

(lower right) depicting the scene in front of the theater as Lincoln was carried away. It was sketched by an eye-witness, Carl Bersch. Capt. O. O. Dillon, on duty at the museum, is shown beside the picture.

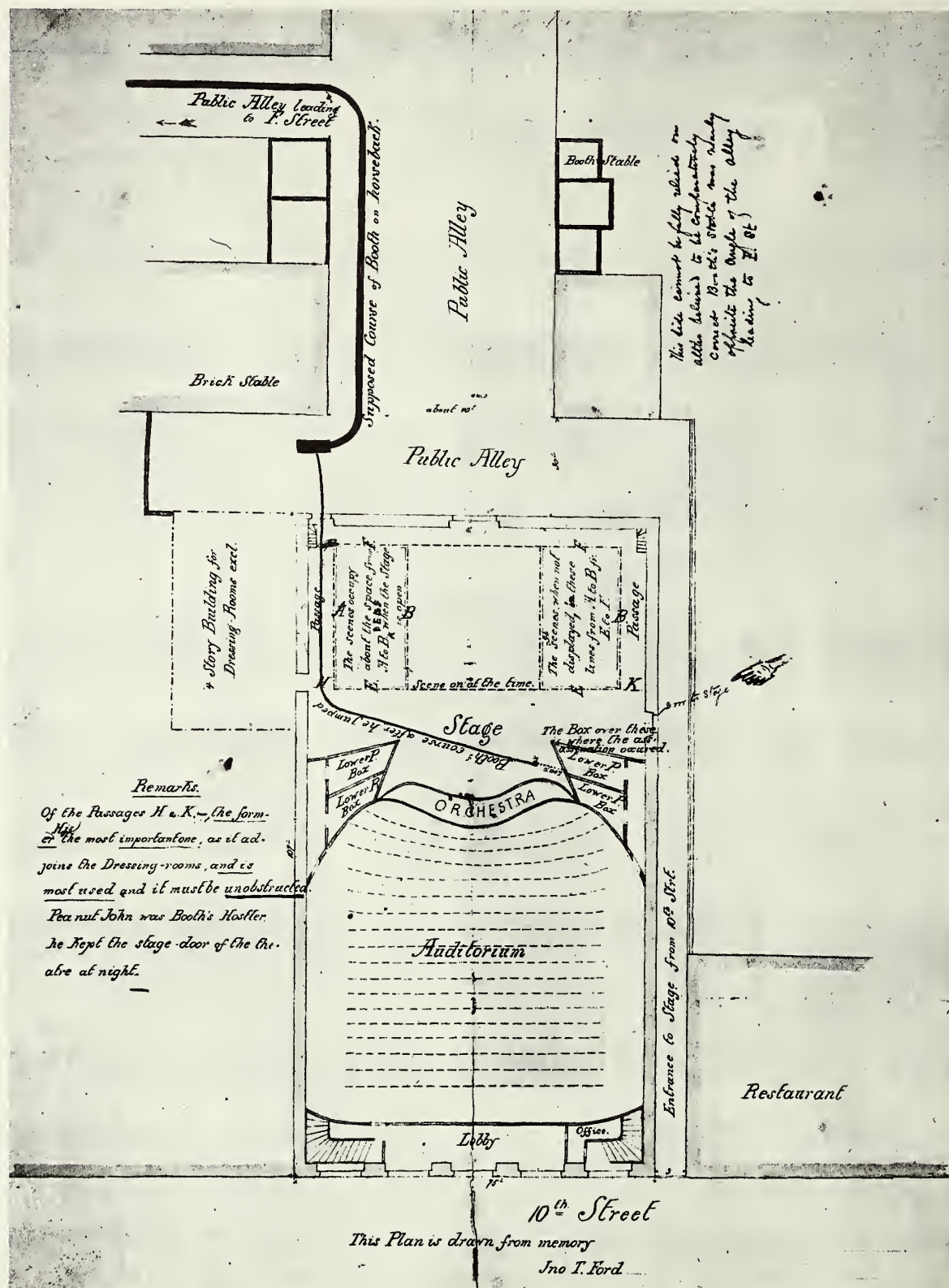




Ford's Theater—the scene of the President's assassination—today is a Lincoln museum.

*Washington Post 2-11-40*



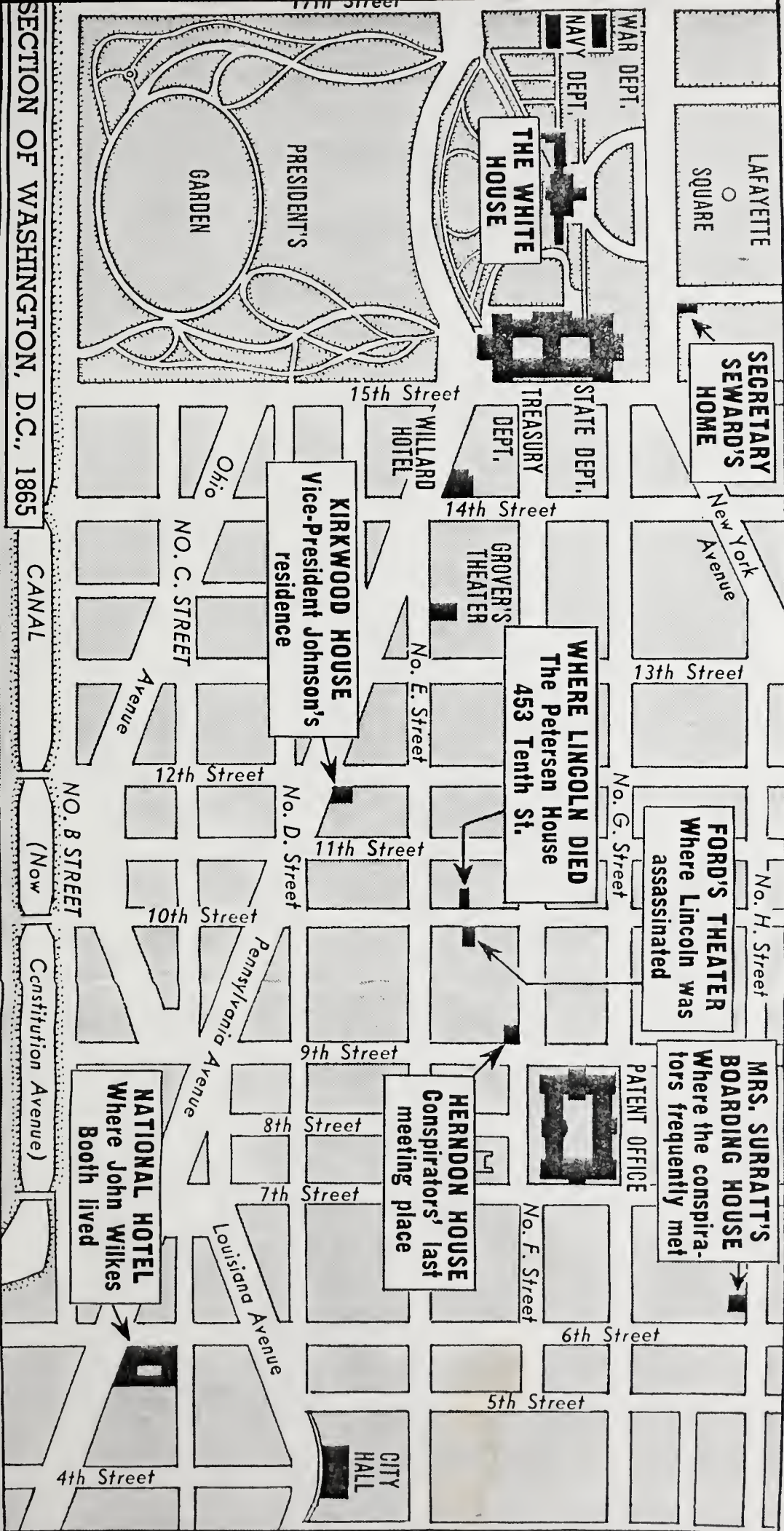


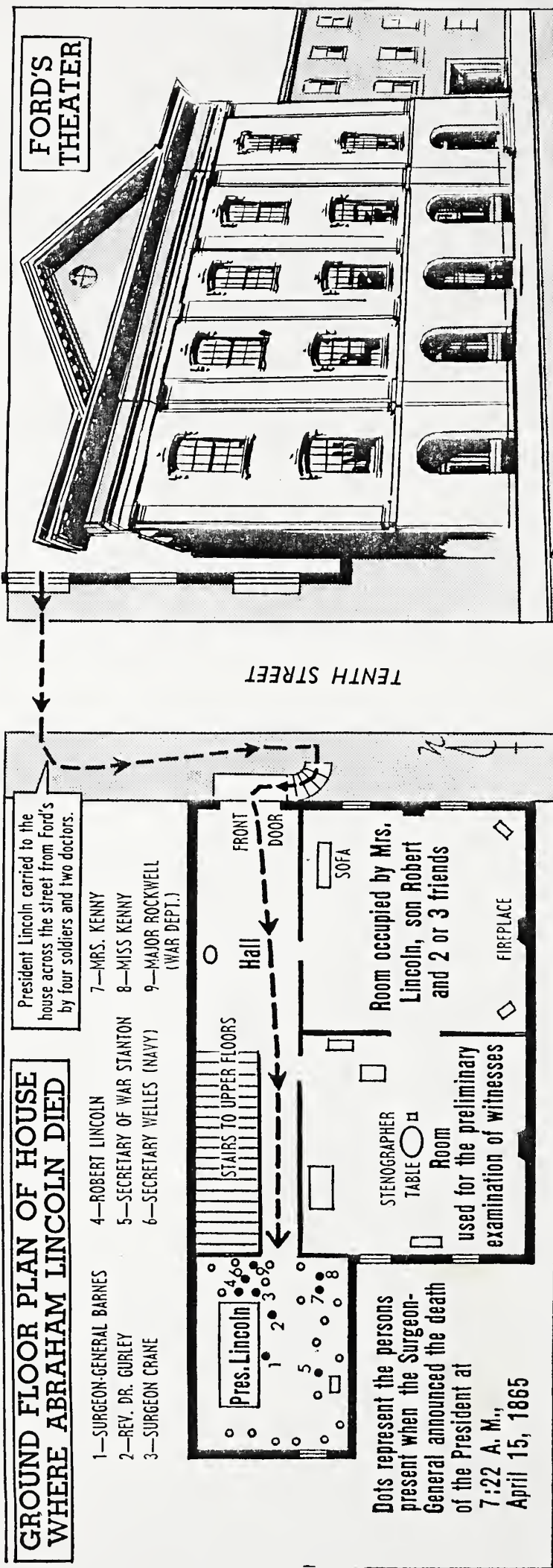


# Chicago Tribune

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1965

## Recall Death of Lincoln 100 Years Ago-





Prepared and drawn by Bill Sajovic

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It was 100 years ago today that President Abraham Lincoln, mortally wounded by pistol shot fired by John Wilkes Booth while the President sat in box at Ford's theater, died in a bedroom of home across Tenth street from the theater in Washington. Map shows a section of Washington as it appeared in 1865 and locates points of

Jeff Leavel

interest in connection with the assassination. History records that Booth, who suffered a broken ankle in leap to stage from the Presidential box, was killed in a Maryland barn. Four of his fellow conspirators, one a woman, were hanged in a quadruple execution while three others were sentenced to life imprisonment. (Story on page 10)



Saturday, Feb. 12, 1966

THE WASHINGTON POST



THEN — Ford's Theater on 10th Street nw. at the time of Lincoln's assassination.





—Star-News Photographer Brig Cabe

### *A Fords in His Past*

Fords Theater may be a strange place to hold a birthday party for Abraham Lincoln. But there it was yesterday, with Park Service volunteers dressing up appropriately, and Mrs. Sheila Lawson (center) baking a cake from a recipe used by Mary Todd Lincoln.



*Resident Church members seated in boxes 7 and 8 of the theatre*

*Note: The seats are registered by the rule of decimals.*



Private Box  
No. 7.

Private Box  
No. 8.

Private Box  
No. 5.

Private Box  
No. 6.

*Prescribed by 225 Washington of Washington City*







Tenth Street between E and F as it was in 1865. The large building in the center is Ford's Theatre where Lincoln was assassinated.



East side of Tenth Street N. W., between E and F as it was in 1865. Note the unpaved street; the carriage blocks and hitching posts; the unpretentious houses and the general dilapidation of the whole block. The large building in the center was Ford's Theatre where Abraham Lincoln was shot by the assassin J. Wilkes Booth on the night of April 14th. The injured President was carried out of the theatre, and across the street to the home of Wm. Petersen, where he passed away at 7.22 the next morning, after lingering more than 9 hours—unconscious every instant.

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At The Time Abraham Lincoln Was Shot.



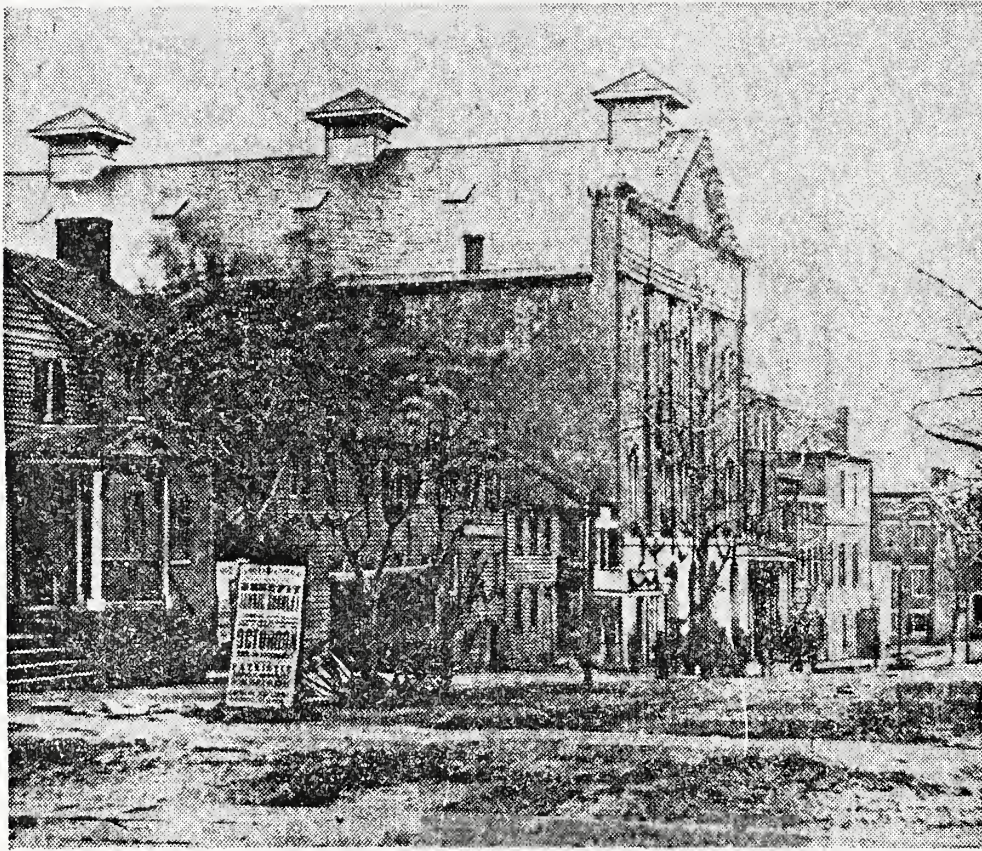


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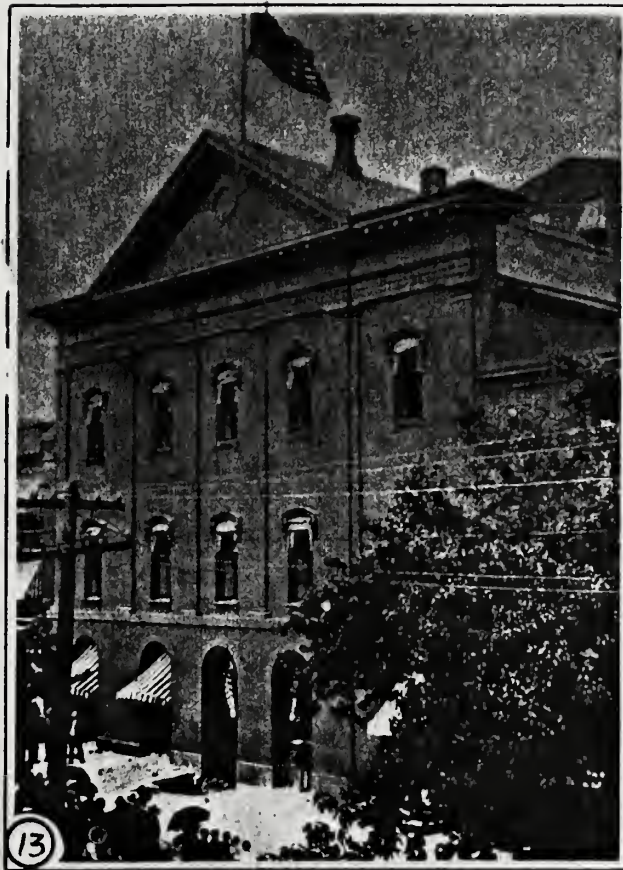


Photograph taken at Ford's Theater in Washington, after the assassination on the night of April 14, 1865—Original negatives by Alexander Gardner—Now deposited in the Original Brady Collection of seven thousand negatives at Springfield, Massachusetts



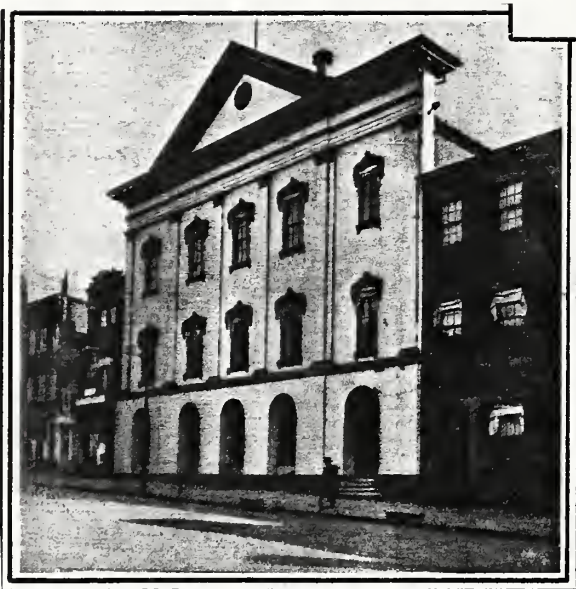


**THEN — Ford's Theater on 10th Street nw. at the time of Lincoln's assassination.**



Where was staged a supreme tragedy. Ford's theater, now used by the war department as a storage house for blank forms, to be converted into a Lincoln museum by the terms of a bill sponsored in congress by Mr. Rathbone.  
(From an original owned by the Chicago Historical Society)





*Ford's Theatre*, in which President Lincoln was shot. Situated directly across the street from the Lincoln Museum.

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*I*N the Lincoln Museum may be seen the famous Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics, now owned by the Museum. Among these are the family Bible, a rail split by Lincoln in 1830, the office chair he occupied at his desk in Springfield, Ill., the last bit of writing that Lincoln ever did; also the spur which Booth wore and which he accidentally caught in the flag when leaping from the box in the theatre after the assassination of the President.



*The Lincoln Museum*—In the little house at 516 Tenth Street, to which Lincoln was carried the victim of an assassin's bullet and where he died.





